

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Curtis Thompson

Serial No: 09/036,851

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For: LASER ENHANCED PERSONAL DATA ASSISTANT

Examiner: J. Lee

) Art Unit
) 2874COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the communication mailed on January 5, 2000. The Applicant concurs with the Examiner's conclusion that the prior art does not suggest or render obvious the claimed invention. However, Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims in the above-identified application allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that distinguish the claim from the prior art and make it allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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